

Audio script

MEET PEOPLE

Recording 1

Molly: Hi. You're Aida, aren't you?

Aida: Yes, that's right. And you?

Molly: I'm Molly. I'm Dave's girlfriend.

Aida: Hi. Nice to meet you.

Molly: Are you enjoying your stay in Manchester?

Aida: Yes, it's great. It's a bit different to my home town though.

Molly: You're from Spain, aren't you?

Aida: Yes, I am.

Molly: Oh I love Spain! I've been there loads of times. Where are you from?

Aida: Oviedo. It's in the north.

Molly: I bet it's warmer than here.

Aida: Actually, it's about the same at this time of year.

Molly: I hope you're coming to Dave's birthday party.

Aida: Yes, he said he would send me an invitation.

Molly: It's not formal; it's just fish and chips with a few friends. You like fish and chips, don't you?

Aida: I don't know. I've never tried it.

Molly: You'll love it! Anyway, I've got to go.

Aida: Nice to meet you.

Molly: And you too. See you on Friday.

Recording 2

Hi there! It's Aida again ...

1 Did you know spoken English is sometimes different to written English?

For example, people use question tags.

People use question tags, don't they?

You're Spanish, aren't you?

2 So, what are they?

Question tags are short questions at the end of sentences, aren't they?

You were at Dave's party, weren't you?

He wasn't sixteen, was he?

3 How do you construct them?

If the sentence is affirmative, the tag is negative, and vice versa.

He's American, isn't he?

She's isn't English, is she?

4 What's in the tag?

The auxiliary verb of the sentence and the subject.

They weren't here, were they?

She went home, didn't she?

5 When do you use them?

To ask a question we don't know the answer to.

In this case, the intonation on the tag is rising.

He was from Seville, wasn't he?

6 We also use them to check information.

The intonation of tag is falling when we are checking and you already know the answer.

She won the competition, didn't she?

Recording 3

1 You are from Malaga, aren't you?

2 She speaks English, doesn't she?

3 Jack is here, isn't he?

4 You don't know Betty, do you?

5 You weren't here last year, were you?

6 You're staying with the Wilsons, aren't you?